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This communication is in response to the final Office Action mailed January 9, 2008. Please enter this response and consider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees due to make this response timely and complete (including extension of time and additional claim fees) to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/LCNT/124225.